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NOT AS I WILL.

"Not as I will!" The sound grows sweet
Each time my lips the words repeat;
"Not as I will!" The darkness feels
More safe than light, when this thought steals,
Like whispered voice, to calm and bless
All unrest and all loneliness.
"Not as I will!" Because the One
Who loved us first and best has gone
Before us on the road, and still
For us must all His love fulfill—
"Not as we will!"

WORKING FOR BOARD AND SHELTER.

The New York Journal of Commerce of a late date, has an article in which different scenes in domestic and business life are graphically depicted.

Speaking of hard-working men, it says "he may be a merchant oppressed with the cares of a business which only by a constant and arduous struggle is made remunerative, and is so burdened with the oppressive load that he is at times ready to sink under it. But he cannot lay it down at will. It clings to him.

Or, it may be a physician working himself into practice, and, as an initial step, is giving his ministrations without charge to the poor, and his night-bell strikes oftener than his bed room clock. Meantime his coat is a little threadbare and his purse is lean, and he has a constant struggle to make both ends meet.

Or, it may be a young lawyer, recently married, with few clients, and no bank account on which to draw.

Or, a clergyman, with limited salary, a school-teacher, a clerk in a bank, or elsewhere; a book-keeper, or a salesman, a laboring man—a printer, a carpenter, a bricklayer, a plasterer, or a shoemaker, with nothing coming to his pocket except his daily toil earnings.

Over against the sweaty brow, the weary brain, the blistered hands, we often find the feminine members of the family taking life easy, with little tax on their mental or physical energies. If it is the household of a banker or a merchant, or some one in the higher life, then the wife and daughters want to keep a carriage, or to dress richly, or to adorn their necks, ears and fingers with costly gems; insist upon plenty of servants to come and go at their call; give entertainments, subscribe to the opera, have theatre parties, etc. In a lower circle, they are still represented as wanting to live at their ease, to be fed and clothed as luxuriously as those with more ample resources, and they storm, and rave, or sulk, if they are not gratified, and cannot understand, as we are told, why their husbands are not as able to gratify their whims, and strew the path of the unemployed members of the family with luxuries, as other and richer men.

The Other Side.

We are not slandering the women, or denouncing them as idle and frivolous, and the slaves of fashion, while the bread-winners, on whom they lean are struggling early and late to keep a roof over the homestead, a fire on the hearth, and a loaf in the pantry.

We are but presenting two sides of scenes said to be common in this country. The picture may be too highly colored for the truth. Our object is to contrast it with a widely different view of domestic life.

A lady in Brooklyn, the wife of a prosperous builder, was missing from her home a few days since, and could not be found after a very careful search. She left a letter explaining the cause of her departure. She had been hard at work for years in the household of her husband, had borne and reared a family of children, had been all the time the slave of toil, and had received in return only her lodging and her share of the household meals. She had been suffering for several years with decaying teeth, but her thrifty husband grudged the dentist's bill, and she had to go without the remedy. Her wardrobe was reduced to the plain garments she wore, and she could not get from his treasury the means for a more suitable attire. After appealing to her husband in vain, she concluded to try her own resources. She had, therefore, as she informed him, engaged as housekeeper in another family, where, in addition to food and shelter, she would receive $14 a month. She intended to stay a year in this service, saving enough for a new set of teeth and the needed articles of clothing. If at the end of this time he wished her to return she would be willing to go back. He had often seemed to think that she was a burden to him; perhaps she was; at any rate he could judge after her absence and the test of actual experience.

This is a real case, not yet a week old. Her husband evidently had a sincere affection for her, for he had been trying most earnestly to discover her abode and to win her back to the deserted home. But he was thoughtless of her comfort. Did he not provide for her? Had she not plenty to eat? She worked, it is true, but no harder than he did, and if he did not have any "store teeth," why need she have any? He wore one suit of clothes till it was worn out and then bought another; why could not she do the same? A fancy bonnet would not keep her head as warm as a hood; then why should she indulge a passion for ribbons and feathers? He could not see why his ideas of what was necessary for her comfort should not govern her wishes, and so he turned a deaf ear to all her pleas for more consideration for her needs.

Many a wife works very hard for less return than she would receive if she were a hired servant. We have no doubt that the "prosperous builder," (as the newspapers describe him,) whose wife has left her home in search of comforts denied her there, will learn something from her absence valuable to himself, and helpful to her when he wins her back to take charge of his household. It is true the children have grown up beyond the reach of her care. She waited, she says, for this, in the hope that her husband would then be more liberal, but his purse strings were drawn as close as ever. There may be similar cases of hardship, but where the wife and mother has no thought of going away.

Perhaps this lesson will reach other firesides, and carry with it a blessing for weary souls that have needs quite as pressing, even if the catalogue of wants does not include a new set of teeth or a replenished wardrobe."

A.—"Do you know where the custom of mothers taking their marriageable daughters to the watering places originated?" B.—"I have no idea. A.—"Well, it is an ancient custom, and dates back to the days of Abraham. You know it was at a well that Rebecca found her husband."—Texas Siftings.

Black Beauty Is a charming little Book, in which a Horse tells the story of his Life from Colthood to Horsehood; about the different masters he had, and how they and their grooms treated him; relates what other horses told him, and some of their stories are pathetic, owing to hard usage and cruel treatment. Everybody that loves Horses will be delighted with this book. Many thousands have been sold. We have a few copies at 50 cents for one edition and 15 cents for an inferior edition. It contains 200 pages, 12mo., and if sent by mail 5 cts. must be added for postage. It is sometimes called the "Uncle Tom's Cabin" of the Horse.

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Borough Commissioners meet in the Town Hall on the 2nd Wednesday evening in each month. They are J. Morris Roberts, Chas. H. Hillman, Sam'l C. A. Clement, Sam'l C. Paris, W. J. Bonnig. Com. of Appeal—John H. Lippincott, Geo. D. Stuart, Abel Hillman. Wm. J. Bonnig, Pres.; Chas. H. Hillman, Treas. Public invited to come.

The Board of Managers of the Free Reading Room Associat'n meets every 3d Monday in each month. J. L. PENNYPACKER, Sec.

The Womens' Christian Temperance Union of this town meets every Tuesday afternoon in Wilkins' Hall, at 4 o'clock.

HADDON ATHENÆUM.

The third Annual Meeting of the members of the Haddon Athenæum was held at the Reading Room on Tuesday evening, Nov. 25. The following-named officers and managers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, William Stiles.
Vice-President, Charles H. Hillman.
Secretary, James L. Pennypacker.
Treasurer, Samuel Dunbarr.

Board of Managers.--Walter E. Hunt, Dr. John R. Stevenson, C. L. Graf, C. H. Lawrence, George V. Walkley, Alfred E. Craven, J. J. Evans, George T. Haines, Frederick Sutton, Howard Braddock, John S. Smallzell, Joseph Alexander, George Nye.

Correction.—In our last No. it was stated that Rev. Mr. Werner had been suffering from "hemorrhage of the lungs." This was a mistake. It was simply a bronchial affection, and, though it had, for two or three weeks, prevented him from preaching, he is now so far recovered as to be able to attend to his ministerial duties, and to say that he expects to preach next Sunday.

Nathaniel T. (better known perhaps as "Tiley," or "Tiler,") Clement, one of the oldest inhabitants of the town, being in his 87th year, died on the 21st ult. In days long gone by, he carried on business in Philadelphia, and we done printing for him.

His son William has been quite ill for several weeks.

Thanksgiving-day was duly observed in Haddonfield. The Presbyterians and Methodists held a union service in the Presbyterian church. Rev. Mr. Werner, pastor of the church, officiated in the preliminary services, consisting of singing, responsive reading of a portion of scripture by the pastor and congregation, and prayer, After which, Rev. N. J. Wright, of the Methodist church took for his text the words, "O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men," and preached a very excellent, but very short, sermon, to quite a large and attentive assemblage. A collection was taken up, amounting to $14, for the Childrens' Home, at Camden.

The Baptists had their own meeting, a large portion of which was the children of the Sunday Schools, who had been furnished with bags to be filled with groceries, clothing, or other suitable articles, amounting to a "small wagon load," which, with about $33 in cash, was collected for the benefit of the Baptist Orphanage in Philadelphia. The exercises consisted of singing, prayer, and a short address by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Gresimer.

The Episcopalians also held a separate service, and, after a sermon by the pastor, suitable to the occasion, a collection was taken up, amounting to between eight and nine dollars, to which some additions may be made before it goes in to the Children's Home at Camden.

Free Post-Office delivery is to extend to all towns of 5000 inhabitants, or a gross revenue of $5000; and it is said to be the policy of P. M. General Wanamaker to extend it to all towns of 1000 or more inhabitants. If this should be done, then Haddonfield will be reached.

Our young friends and neighbors, Charlie Stevenson and wife, have left the parental roof, and moved into a house on Washington avenue. Our good wishes go with them. Mr. S. is having a stable erected on the premises.

The mother of Dr. Long, we are sorry to learn, had a fall a few days ago, and fractured her hip.

Jesse Lippincott of Woodstown, a brother of John H. Lippincott, of Haddonfield, died Nov. 28, in his 72d year.

We see it stated that Patents have been issued to two Haddonfield people: J. D. Lynde, for a boiler injector; D. F. Vaughan, an air gun.

Rev. Mr. Geistwelt, of the Linden Baptist Church, Camden, has accepted a call to the Immanuel Baptist Church, Minneapolis.

We congratulate Capt. Samuels on another addition to his pleasant and growing family. Another boy this time.

A Quarterly Meeting of Friends (Hicksite branch) will be held in Haddonfield on Dec. 11, and the Orthodox same day at Moorestown.

Walter E. Matlack, of Haddonfield, and Elmie C. Ogg, of Magnolia, were married by Rev. H. A. Griesemer, November 26th.

At the Methodist Church last Sunday morning after a sermon by the pastor as to what constitutes a prosperous church, he took the ground that it was not a large church building or a large congregation; but that it was a working church. Then, at the close of the sermon, he asked the congregation for a collection to purchase coal for the church, fixing the amount at $70. In a very short time the collectors reported, in cash and subscriptions, over $90! And this, too, notwithstanding the people had just been called on for $600 to wipe out old debts, some of which being of two or three years' standing. We understand the church is now out of debt, and will pay as it goes.

"Rev." Anna Shaw delivered a lecture at Wilkins' Hall, (which was well filled) on Tuesday evening last, under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temp. Union. Subject—"Fate of the Republic."

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union recently laid the corner stone of an immense building in Chicago, to cost $1,100,000, and to be ready to occupy by May, 1892. Further particulars next No.

The Indians are giving trouble, and there are fears of an outbreak.

A stand on which were about 2000 people, witnessing a game of ball-playing in Brooklyn, on Thanksgiving-day, suddenly fell, causing numerous broken limbs, wounds and bruises, but no lives lost. Rotten timber and bad workmanship said to be the cause.

☞The "Poultry Guide and Friend," Hammonton, N. J., will be sent one year for only 15 cents, if you subscribe at once. Tells all about Poultry and Pidgeons. Sample free. Monthly. 25 cents a year.

Eva Hamilton, the wife of Robert Ray Hamilton, (now deceased,) of Atlantic City notoriety last summer a year ago, and whose term of imprisonment would expire in next May, was pardoned Nov. 25th, by the New Jersey State Court of Pardons. She soon left the prison, and took the Pennsylvania railroad for New York.

Another notorious woman, Julia C. Lippincott, well known in Haddonfield some years ago as Julia Caulnan, was brought up for trial on one of the charges of forgery against her on Tuesday last, and acquitted. There are several other indictments against her. She has been in prison since last spring. Jury out from 4 to 10½ o'cl.

For a Christmas Present,

There can be nothing nicer or more appropriate than Talmage's new book, "From Manger to Throne." But it must be ordered in time, for the demand is so great that the book cannot be delivered till several weeks after the order is given. ☞ We are taking subscriptions. Price, $3.75, $4.50, $5.50, and $10, according to binding

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